

at the center of the movement for racial equality. Memphis is home to many prominent political figures including Robert R. Church, Jr., a political leader and founder of the first Tennessee chapter of the NAACP in 1917, and in 1964, A. W. Willis became the first African-American elected to the Tennessee General Assembly after Reconstruction.

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, former Executive Director/CEO of the NAACP and Dr. Vasco Smith, the first African-American elected to the Shelby County Commission and influential in the founding of The MED, both resided in Memphis until their recent deaths. Former Tennessee State Senator and civil rights judge Russell Sugarmon currently resides in Memphis and is still politically active. I am privileged to have worked alongside these men and to call them friends.

Since 1865, communities have gathered to celebrate Juneteenth through readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing of spirituals, and large gatherings of family and friends. For the past 17 years in Memphis, Juneteenth has been held in the historic Douglass Community, named after Frederick Douglass. The land on which the community sits was once owned by Reverend William Rush-Plummer, the son of a slave from Africa and a slave owner.

Madam Speaker, it is in the spirit of these great men and women and countless others that I ask my colleagues to join me in observing our nation's 145th anniversary of Juneteenth and the celebrations in Memphis. This is a time to reflect upon the end of slavery in America and to recognize the many contributions from African-Americans. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, the Emancipation Proclamation "came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity."

HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS LEGISLATION

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, one of the surest ways government can help generate economic activity, innovation, and job growth is by cutting taxes on small businesses, which are the backbone of the U.S. economy and employ more than half of all American workers.

I have voted for and cosponsored a number of small business tax cut bills during the 111th Congress and was pleased to vote last week in support of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act. Among other things, this bill would cut capital gains taxes for small businesses and would quadruple the tax deduction for business start-up expenses from \$5,000 to \$20,000. H.R. 5486 is common sense legislation and ought to be quickly enacted.

Another way to stimulate business activity and create jobs is to help America's community banks lend money to small businesses. Business owners in Missouri tell me they want to expand but cannot because of a lack of financing. A second bill considered in the House last week, H.R. 5297, would allow small banks to tap into a \$30 billion fund at the Treasury Department so they can issue

loans to healthy small businesses thirsting for capital to expand operations and hire workers. These funds would bypass Wall Street and go directly to Missouri communities where they can do the most good for small businesses.

Because the creation of this small bank lending fund is so important to economic development and job creation, it is supported by America's home town banks, small businesses, Realtors, and home builders, among others. I was pleased to support H.R. 5297 and encouraged that it passed the House with bipartisan support. I urge prompt action in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF DERRYL ALBERT DUMERMUTH

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of retired teacher Derryl Albert Dumermuth. Derryl was an inspiration to all those who knew him, impacting the lives of his students and the surrounding community.

Derryl Dumermuth was the fifth of six children, growing up on his family farm in Fayette, Iowa. He attended Upper Iowa University and Iowa State College until he enlisted in the Marine Corps early in 1944. After World War II, he earned his bachelor's of science degree from Upper Iowa University and in 1955 he received the master of arts degree at Northern Arizona University. When the huge influx of students studying on the G.I. Bill threatened to swamp the faculty at Upper Iowa University, Derryl was hired to teach mathematics; the start of a successful career in public education.

In 1962, Derryl brought his family to my hometown of Tulare, California. Here he served as Tulare Union High School Math Department Chairman for 28 years, retiring in 1990. Derryl taught the first class of computer programming ever offered in the city of Tulare and developed the first Advanced Placement course for Tulare county schools, AP Calculus. High school yearbooks were dedicated to Mr. Dumermuth in 1952 and in 1981, he was chosen as the "Outstanding Math/Science Teacher in Tulare/Kings Counties," and was chosen as a mentor teacher for two consecutive years.

In addition to his devotion to education, Derryl was an active member of the community. He was the coordinator of the Docent Program at the Tulare City Historical Museum and church historian for the United Methodist Church of Tulare. He was also an active member of several organizations including the Tulare High School CTA and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Tulare. In 2001, Derryl wrote "A Town Called Tulare" as a fundraiser for the Tulare Historical Museum and two years later published "Tulare Legends and Trivia from A to Z."

Derryl was someone who I knew personally. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor, inspiring everyone he taught. His life's values and commitment to education will live on through his family, friends, and community.

HONORING REVEREND MARY MARGARET ECKHARDT

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt, Pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, Michigan, upon her retirement after more than 30 years of service in ministry.

Reverend Eckhardt became an ordained minister in 1979 after having obtained her bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of Tennessee, going on to pursue her Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Ohio. Reverend Eckhardt has served in four United Methodist Churches in Michigan, spending the last 8 years at St. Matthew's as an exceptional preacher, adult Bible Study leader and mission trip leader. She serves on the UMC district level as a Hunger Coordinator and at the conference level as an UMCOR Disaster Coordinator.

Serving her church as well as her community, Reverend Eckhardt has been an active supporter and member of the Rotary Club of Livonia and currently holds the position of Secretary. She avidly enjoys the outdoors as a hiker and bicyclist. Reverend Eckhardt has proven to be a woman of dedicated and irreplaceable service. She will be missed by the members of her congregation as she pursues the next chapter of her life.

Madam Speaker, for more than 30 years Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt has faithfully served her congregation, her church, her community and her Lord. As she enters the next phase of her life, she leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt upon her retirement and recognizing her years of loyal service to our community and country.

TRIBUTE TO KARA GORMLEY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a popular television personality in Columbia, South Carolina as she leaves her post as a morning news anchor on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Kara Gormley is a familiar face to Columbians who have watched her professionally report the news at WIS-TV for more than a decade. Her presence on the Sunrise program will be sorely missed.

Kara Gormley is a native of Carthage, New York, and is the daughter of the late Barbara and Robert Gormley. After graduating from Providence College in Rhode Island, Kara took her first broadcast journalism job in Wausau, Wisconsin. Midlands viewers first came to know Kara when she joined WIS News 10 in 1996 as co-host of the Sunrise program. She later took an assignment to anchor the evening news at 5:00 p.m., and serve as a featured health reporter.

In 2000, she was lured away from WIS, and became the morning news anchor at the NBC